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Professor W. L. McDonald,

University of New Brunswick.

My dear Professor McDonald:

Many thanks for your letter in which you bring before me the name of Mr. H. F. Munroe as a suitable man for the chair of International Law in the University. I am glad to have your opinion of Mr. Munroe as I myself know something about him, and all that I have heard has been highly satisfactory. However, there is no likelihood at present of a permanent appointment being made in International Law, the duties are being divided between Professor Lefroy and Mr. McGregor Young, who is taking temporary lectures for the winter. What we shall do in the future I do not yet know, but we shall be glad to keep Mr. Munroe's name in mind.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Fredericton, Nov. 22, 1914.

Dear President Falconer.

I have just received the November issue of the Monthly and note that the Chair of Constitutional and International Law has become vacant through the resignation of Prof. Young. I am taking the liberty of writing to you to bring to your attention the name of a man whom I knew very intimately while at Harvard, a man who I feel sure would fill the vacancy with great credit to the University. Mr. Henry F. Munro is a man about forty years of age and should be ready for his Doctorate this year. I roomed with him the last year I was at Harvard and therefore know him

pretty well. I still say, as I have always said since first I became really acquainted with the man, that he has the finest mind I have ever come in contact with in mixing with University students. Thoroughly conversant with English and Classical literature, he was one of the very best students at that time in Constitutional and International Law. The best evidence of this latter fact is that when, about a year ago, he had an offer to go to Yale, Prof. Wilson (of Hague Tribunal fame) made it worth his while to stay as his assistant at Harvard, and it may be that now Mr. Munro would not be willing to leave Harvard. Many a time I have wished, when I heard graduates of Varsity speak of the International Law course in Toronto as a joke, to see a man like Munro in the department in some capacity. My friend has (course no suspicion that I am writing to you about him; but if the position now vacant is to be filled, I should like his name taken into consideration. I should write in this way of no other man that I have met in my academic career. I remember Mr. Munro saying that he had met you and that you would probably remember his father who lives, I believe, at either New Glasgow or Pictou, N.S. Mr. Munro himself is a graduate of Dalhousie, I think.

I hope this letter does not seem to be presumptuous on my part. My sole object is to bring before your attention the name of a man who, I am certain, would be a credit to the University of Toronto, were he appointed to the faculty.

I was glad to hear, before leaving Toronto in the summer, that you had got safely away from Europe; there was a time when your immediate return seemed quite uncertain.

Sincerely Yours,

W.L. MacDonald